GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2722
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PROMOTION OF GUILTY ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER
ASHOK ARGAL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

refer to the reply given to USQ No.4162 on December 16, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the Assistant General Manager Security of AirIndia IGI Airport was found guilty in an incident related toillegal travel of two Afgan Nationals on Air India 111 dated October 28, 2001 has not been transferred from the IGI Airport and was only given censure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether he is being considered for a promotion to the post of Deputy General Manager in Air India Security despitesuch a serious lapse on his part;

(d) if so , the reasons therefor;

(e) whether he is also being considered for the foreign posting; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The police investigations conducted by the Andheri Police Station, Mumbai did not elicit anyinvolvement of Mr. G.S. Bankoti or the other three officersof Air India. However Mr. G.S. Bankoti Assistant GeneralManager Security, IGIAirport, New Delhi was suspended pending enquiry with effect from 30th October,2001. Subsequently, A committee consisting of senior executives from Air India was constituted to look into the issues relating to the suspension of Shri Bankoti and three other officers of Air India. The Committee, in its findings, recommended that officers from the Commercial/SecurityDepartments who were suspended pending enquiry were to be held responsible for lack of supervision over their subordinates in their day to day functions and further recommended that letters of censure be issued to them for this lapse.

(c) and (d) : As per the Standard Force of the SecurityDepartment there are three posts of Deputy General Manager -Security of which two posts are vacant. Promotion to these posts will be undertaken on the basis of seniority and merit in due course.

(e): No, Sir.

(f) : Does not arise.